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- 1. SUN (PAGE 1) MICHAEL PARKS FROM BEIRUT REPORTS THAT DESPITE KREMLIN EFFORTS TO REASSERT ITS ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SOVIET UNION'S INFLUENCE IN THE REGION CONTINUES TO DECLINE.
- 2. SUN (PAGE 1) HAL PIPER IN COMPANION PIECE SAYS IN ARAB AND WESTERN DIPLOMATS VIEW, SOVIET UNION'S PROPOSAL FOR NEW GENEVA CONFERENCE TO GRAPPLE WITH MIDEAST PROBLEMS SPOTLIGHTS MOSCOW'S BARREN CUPBOARD OF POLICY ALTERNATIVES.
- 3. WSJ (PAGE 22) REPORTS CAB REJECTED A PROPOSED 53 BOOST IN COMBINED FLIGHT CAPACITY FOR PANAM AND AEROFLOT BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR.
- 4. STAR (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT ENTITLED "SALT IN STAGNATION" UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYS IN VIEW DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CRUISE MISSILE AS WEAPON

OF CONSIDERABLE STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE AND BACKFIRE BOMBER AS JUST ANOTHER SUPERSONIC AIRPLANE, SOVIET REJECTION OF NEW U.S. PROPOSAL NOT SURPRISING AND IT MAY

BE THAT IF SALT IS TO SUCCEED U.S. MAY HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING A BIT BETTER. $\,$ KISSINGER

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